



## Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester

### Hospice and Palliative Care of Westchester Wins Honorable Mention from National Organization for Volunteer Film

**White Plains, NY – (November 16, 2009)** – Hospice and Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW), a private, non-profit healthcare agency specializing in end-of-life home care, was awarded Honorable Mention for its submission to the 2009 National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) Photography, Writing, Film Contest. The film, “Hospice Volunteers - In Their Own Words,” was created and produced by HPCW volunteer Tom Warren of Dobbs Ferry, NY. More than 300 films were entered.

According to the NHPCO, the contest focused on films that serve to educate hospice and palliative care professionals, volunteers and other professionals who provide end-of-life care for patients and families. “The judges were impressed by the number of excellent films using staff, patients and families to share important lessons about quality of end of life care,” said J. Donald Schumacher, president/CEO of NHPCO.

Previously a photojournalist, Warren is fulfilled by his volunteer efforts. “Now I understand why people volunteer. It is absolutely liberating – to give without expecting anything in return. I get back more than I give and am surprised every time,” he said.

“Our entry is special because it was developed by one of our dedicated volunteers,” said Kate Colburn, M.A., HPCW Executive Director. “Tom’s film is especially effective in recruiting and educating volunteers, because it so effectively describes the hospice experience in the words of volunteers themselves.”

Contest winners were announced at the NHPCO Clinical Team Conference in Denver, Colorado. Winning photos, essays, and poetry, and a listing of the winning films will be posted on the Awards & Contests section of [www.nhpc.org](http://www.nhpc.org) and linked in the organization’s weekly member e-communication.

Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester is located at 311 North Street, Suite 204, White Plains, NY. For additional information, visit [www.hospiceofwestchester.com](http://www.hospiceofwestchester.com) or call 914-682-1484.

**About Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester:** Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester is a private, not-for-profit healthcare agency that provides skilled, compassionate and comprehensive end-of-life home care to patients with any diagnosis and gives support to their families and loved ones.

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*Mary Jane Schaumann, Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester’s Director of Volunteer Services, and Tom Warren, HPCW volunteer and recipient of the NHPCO film contest honorable mention*